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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gary J. BRIDGER, et al.

Serial No.: 09/535,314

Filing Date: March 24, 2000

For: CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR BINDING

HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS

Examiner: V. Balasubramanian

Group Art Unit: 1624

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated 27 March 2001. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 27 April 2001 to 27 May 2001.

A one month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$55.00.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 391442003700.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 29, 2001

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